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Thomas Drolet, *et al.*

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ENABLING A CONFIGURABLE  
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EXCHANGE PLATFORM

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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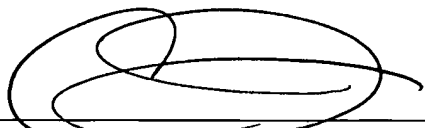
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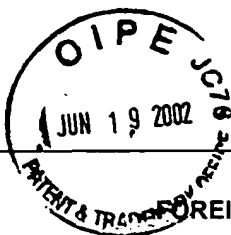
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